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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA
Title III

Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

**SUMMARY OF THIRTEENTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF NIXON PEABODY LLP
FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND FOR
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE FINANCIAL
OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, AS
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY, FOR
THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023**

Name of Applicant:

Nixon Peabody LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services
to:

The Financial Oversight and Management
Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of
the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority,
pursuant to Section 315(b) of PROMESA

Period for which compensation and
reimbursement are sought:

February 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023

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Amount of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary: **\$58,872.00**

Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary: **\$0.00**

Total compensation subject to objection: None

Total expenses subject to objection: None

This is a(n): ___ monthly X interim ___ final application

- Blended Rate in this application for attorneys: \$946.00/hr
- Blended Rate in this application for all timekeepers: N/A

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Schedule 1
THIRTEENTH Interim Compensation Period – Consolidated Fee Statements
February 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023

Entity	Period	Fees requested to be paid (100%)	Fee previously requested to be paid (90%)	Expenses requested to be paid (100%)	Total Fees and Expenses requested to be paid
PREPA	February 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023	\$58,872.00	\$52,984.80	N/A	\$58,872.00

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Schedule 2
Summary of Professional Services Rendered by Timekeeper for the Period
February 1, 2023 – May 31, 2023

Professional	Position/Title	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Mitchell Rapaport	Partner	\$990	5.90	6,425.10
Carla Young	Partner	\$990	.30	326.70
Sebastian Torres-Rodriguz	Associate	\$660	10.20	6,732.00
Amanda Darwin	Partner	\$1,089	11.50	12,523.50
Virginia Wong	Partner	\$1,089	11.00	11,979.00
Malik Shahzad	Partner	\$1,089	7.60	8,276.40
Katherine Stack	Associate	\$660	1.20	792.00
Brian Kenney	Associate	\$660	15.10	9,966.00
Bruce Serchuk	Partner	\$1,089	1.70	1,851.30

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Nixon Peabody LLP (“Nixon”), as special counsel to the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”), as representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”), the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) and certain other public corporations and instrumentalities of the Government of Puerto Rico (collectively, the “Debtors”), pursuant to Section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”) 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241, hereby

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submits this thirteenth interim application (the “Application”), pursuant to Sections 316 and 317 of PROMESA, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”),² Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the “Local Rules”), and the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B (the “Guidelines”), and in accordance with this Court’s *Second Amended Order Setting Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* (Dkt. No. 3269) (the “Interim Compensation Order”), for allowance of interim compensation for professional services performed by Nixon for the period commencing February 1, 2023 through and including May 31, 2023 (the “Compensation Period”) in the amount of \$58,872.00. In support of the Application, Nixon respectfully states as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the “Court”) has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to Section 306(a) of PROMESA.
2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to Section 307(a) of PROMESA.
3. Nixon submits the Application pursuant to Sections 316 and 317 of PROMESA.

BACKGROUND

1. On June 30, 2016, the Oversight Board was established under Section 101(b) of PROMESA.

² The Bankruptcy Rules are made applicable to the Debtor’s Title III case pursuant to Section 301 of PROMESA.

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2. Pursuant to Section 315 of PROMESA, “[t]he Oversight Board in a case under this subchapter is the representative of the debtor” and “may take any action necessary on behalf of the debtor to prosecute the case of the debtor, including filing a petition under section [304] of [PROMESA] . . . or otherwise generally submitting filings in relation to the case with the court.” 48 U.S.C. § 2175.

3. On September 30, 2016, the Oversight Board designated the Debtors as “covered entities” under Section 101(d) of PROMESA.

4. On May 3, 2017, the Commonwealth, by and through the Oversight Board, as the Commonwealth’s representative pursuant to Section 315(b) of PROMESA, filed a petition with the Court under Title III of PROMESA.

5. On May 5, 2017, the Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”), by and through the Oversight Board, as COFINA’s representative pursuant to Section 315(b) of PROMESA, filed a petition with the Court under Title III of PROMESA.

6. On May 21, 2017, the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”), by and through the Oversight Board, as HTA’s representative pursuant to Section 315(b) of PROMESA, filed a petition with the Court under Title III of PROMESA.

7. On May 21, 2017, the Employees Retirement System for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”), by and through the Oversight Board, as ERS’s representative pursuant to Section 315(b) of PROMESA, filed a petition with the Court under Title III of PROMESA.

8. On July 3, 2017, PREPA, by and through the Oversight Board, as PREPA’s representative pursuant to Section 315(b) of PROMESA, filed a petition with the Court under Title III of PROMESA.

9. Through Orders of this Court, the Commonwealth, COFINA, HTA, ERS, and

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PREPA Title III Cases (together, the “Title III Cases”) are jointly administered for procedural purposes only, pursuant to Section 304(g) of PROMESA and Bankruptcy Rule 1015 [ECF Nos. 242, 537, 1417].

10. On October 6, 2017, the Court entered the *Order Pursuant to PROMESA Sections 316 and 317 and Bankruptcy Code Section 105(a) Appointing a Fee Examiner and Related Relief* [ECF No. 1416], which appointed Brady Williamson of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. to serve as Fee Examiner in the Title III Cases.

11. On June 12, 2023, Nixon served on the Notice Parties its monthly fee statement (Project #5 and #6) for the month of February 2023.

12. On June 12, 2023, Nixon served on the Notice Parties its monthly fee statement (Project #5 and #6) for the month of March 2023.

13. On July 10, 2023, Nixon served on the Notice Parties its monthly fee statement for the month of April 2023.

14. On July 10, 2023, Nixon served on the Notice Parties its monthly fee statement for the month of May 2023.

15. On June 22, 2023, Nixon provided the corresponding Monthly Fee Objection Statement (Project #5 and #6) for the February 2023 monthly fee statement to representatives of the Puerto Rico Treasury Department (the “Treasury”) and the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority (“AAFAF”).

16. On June 22, 2023, Nixon provided the corresponding Monthly Fee Objection Statement (Project #5 and #6) for the March 2023 monthly fee statement to representatives of the Treasury and AAFAF.

17. On July 20, 2023, Nixon provided the corresponding Monthly Fee Objection

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Statement for the April 2023 monthly fee statement to representatives of the Treasury and AAFAF.

18. Finally, on July 20, 2023, Nixon provided the corresponding Monthly Fee Objection Statement for the May 2023 monthly fee statement to representatives of the Treasury and AAFAF.

COMPENSATION REQUESTED

1. On June 7, 2019, Nixon executed an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Oversight Board to provide advice in connection with PREPA's transactions related to its transmission, distribution and generation assets, and specifically, the tax structuring options for such transactions (the "FY19 Agreement"). The FY19 Agreement was set to expire on June 30, 2019.

2. On July 1, 2019, Nixon executed an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Oversight Board to provide advice in connection with PREPA's transactions related to its transmission, distribution and generation assets, and specifically, the tax structuring options for such transactions (the "FY20 Agreement"). The FY20 Agreement was set to expire on June 30, 2020.

3. On July 1, 2020, Nixon executed an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Oversight Board to provide advice in connection with PREPA's transactions related to its transmission, distribution and generation assets, and specifically, the tax structuring options for such transactions (the "FY21 Agreement"). The FY21 Agreement was set to expire on June 30, 2021.

4. On July 1, 2021, Nixon executed an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Oversight Board to provide advice in connection with PREPA's transactions related to its transmission, distribution and generation assets, and specifically, the tax structuring options for

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such transactions (the “FY22 Agreement”). The FY21 Agreement was set to expire on June 30, 2022.

5. On July 1, 2022, Nixon executed an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with the Oversight Board to provide advice in connection with PREPA’s transactions related to its transmission, distribution and generation assets, and specifically, the tax structuring options for such transactions (the “FY23 Agreement”, and together with the FY19 Agreement and the FY20 Agreement, the FY21 Agreement and the FY22 Agreement, the “Agreements”). The FY23 Agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2023.

6. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Order, Nixon has provided copies of the Agreements to the Treasury and AAFAF.

7. Nixon’s hourly rates are set at a level designed to compensate Nixon fairly for the work of its attorneys and professionals and are disclosed in the Agreements.

8. Pursuant to PREPA’s certified fiscal plan, PREPA is required to separate its transmission and distribution (“T&D”) and generation functions and transfer operation and maintenance responsibilities to third-party, professional operators, leveraging private sector management, experience, and expertise to effectively deliver reliable electricity to Puerto Rico’s residents.

9. As to the T&D system, the Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution System Operation and Maintenance Agreement and the Puerto Rico Transmission and Distribution System Supplemental Terms Agreement were entered on June 22, 2022 (the “LUMA T&D Agreements”), between, among others, PREPA, LUMA Energy, LLC and LUMA Energy ServCo, LLC (collectively, “LUMA”). As a result, PREPA transitioned its operation and maintenance functions to LUMA on June 1, 2021, along with customer service and energy operation center

responsibilities.

10. Similarly, PREPA's generation assets, comprised of existing PREPA-owned generation resources, will be operated and maintained by one or more private operators until their retirement, as laid out in the Integrated Resource Plan approved by the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau.

11. For the selection of a private operator(s) for its legacy generation assets, PREPA has been supporting the RFP process led by the Puerto Rico Public-Private Partnerships Authority ("P3A") and will work towards ensuring a timely and successful transition once the P3A completes the selection process.

12. Nixon is a nationally recognized bond counsel firm with more than 30 years of experience in all areas of public finance. Its Public Finance practice is one of the largest in the nation with more than 40 public finance and tax attorneys. The firm consistently ranks among the top bond counsel, underwriters' counsel, and disclosure counsel firms in the nation.

13. Nixon has advised, and will continue to, advise the Oversight Board on optimal tax structures for PREPA's restructuring and transformation of its legacy generation and T&D assets pursuant to PREPA's certified fiscal plans. In this capacity, Nixon is engaged to provide tax-exempt bond law analysis, render opinions related to federal tax issues and prepare tax-related documentation and disclosure, among other things.

14. As of this date, Nixon has delivered three legal opinions in connection with the LUMA T&D Agreements and expects to deliver additional legal opinions with respect to the creation of one or more affiliates of PREPA to which PREPA would transfer all or a portion of its electric generation facilities.

15. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, Nixon hereby seeks an allowance of \$58,872.00 as compensation for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period

in connection with such professional services.

16. Nixon's itemized time records for attorneys and professionals performing services for the Oversight Board during the Compensation Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

17. During the Compensation Period, Nixon billed the Oversight Board for time expended by its attorneys and professionals based on Nixon's hourly rate for each attorney and professional as detailed in Schedule 2 of the summary of this Application.

18. The fees charged by Nixon are in accordance with the firm's existing billing rates and procedures in effect during the Compensation Period and are appropriate for complex securities and tax advantage financing matters. The rates and rate structure reflect that such complex matters typically involve great complexity, high stakes, and intense time pressures. Nixon submits that the compensation requested is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services provided to the Oversight Board.

19. The services for which Nixon is requesting approval of the Court were performed for the Oversight Board as representative of PREPA. In connection with the matter covered by this Application, Nixon received no payment and no promises of payment for services rendered, or to be rendered, from any source other than the Debtors. There is no agreement or understanding between Nixon and any other person, other than members of the firm, for the sharing of compensation received for services rendered under the Agreements.

20. Sections 316 and 317 of PROMESA provide for interim compensation of professionals and govern the Court's award of such compensation. 48 U.S.C. §§ 2176-2177. Section 316 of PROMESA provides that a court may award a professional person employed by the Debtors or the Oversight Board under PROMESA "(1) reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the professional person, or attorney and by any paraprofessional

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person employed by any such person; and (2) reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses.” 48 U.S.C. § 2176(a).

21. Section 316 of PROMESA also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded ... the court shall consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including—

- (1) the time spent on such services;
- (2) the rates charged for such services;
- (3) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this chapter;
- (4) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
- (5) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and experience in the bankruptcy field; and
- (6) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this subchapter or title 11.

48 U.S.C. § 2176(c).

22. As noted above, the professional services object of this Application were necessary and beneficial to the Oversight Board as representative of PREPA.

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION

1. In accordance with Puerto Rico Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(a)(4), the undersigned has reviewed the requirements of Puerto Rico Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(a)(4)

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and certifies to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief that this Application complies with Puerto Rico Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1(a)(4). In this regard, and incorporated herein by reference, the Certification of Mitchell Rapaport in accordance with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

1. Nixon reserves the right to request compensation for services and reimbursement of such expenses in a future application that have not been processed in relation to the Compensation Period object of this Application.

NOTICE

1. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, notice of this Application has been filed in the Title III Cases and served upon:

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WHEREFORE Nixon respectfully requests that the Court enter an order (a) allowing interim compensation for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$58,872.00 (including the 10% professional compensation holdback amount); (b) directing the Commonwealth to pay promptly to Nixon the difference between (i) the amount of

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interim compensation for professional services rendered, and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Compensation Period allowed hereunder, and (ii) the amounts for such compensation and expenses previously paid to Nixon, consistent with the provisions of the Interim Compensation Order; (c) allowing such compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred without prejudice to Nixon's right to seek additional compensation for services performed and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, which were not processed at the time of this Application; and (d) granting Nixon such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: August 4, 2023
New York, New York

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Exhibit A

ITEMIZED TIME RECORDS

February 2023 (Projects #5 and #6)

MATTER NO.: 000002 PREPA TAX ADVICE – PROJECT #5

For Professional Fees:

Date	Timekeeper	Hours	Description of Services
01: Category 1			
02/02/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.70	Review Monthly Fee No Objection Statement in connection with the opinion fixed fee and provide comments to M. O'Sullivan
02/02/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.30	Coordinate generation of LEDES files of invoices from Oct 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022 for the Fee Examiner
02/02/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.50	Review the Monthly Fee Statement for January 2023.
Task Total: Category 1		1.50	Task Fees: 990.00

02/08/23	M. Rapaport	0.50	Telephone call with D. Brownstein regarding PREPA.
02/09/23	M. Rapaport	1.00	Telephone calls and emails to D. Brownstein regarding PREPA bond structure (.5). Conference call with B. Serchuk regarding PREPA structure and contingent interest (.5).
02/09/23	B. Serchuk	0.50	Telephone call with M. Rapaport regarding contingent payment question.
02/10/23	M. Rapaport	0.80	Telephone call and emails with D. Brownstein.
02/16/23	C. Young	0.30	Emails with M. Rapaport and Cleary regarding final executed documents for our files (.3).
Task Total: None		3.10	Task Fees: 3,375.90

TOTAL HOURS: 4.60

TOTAL FEES: \$4,365.90

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MATTER NO.: 000002

PREPA TAX ADVICE – PROJECT #6

For Professional Fees:

Date	Timekeeper	Hours	Description of Services
02/01/23	V. Wong	3.70	Review and revise Custodial Trust Agreement.
02/03/23	V. Wong	0.30	Call with Wachtel to discuss draft.
02/09/23	V. Wong	1.00	Review comments to custodial trust agreement. Correspond with A. Darwin.
02/10/23	A. Darwin	1.10	Preliminary review of Trust Agreement. Correspondence to Ms. Wong.
02/10/23	K. Stack	1.20	Conference with V. Wong; review trust agreement.
02/10/23	V. Wong	0.80	Call with A. Darwin. Call with K. Stack.
02/13/23	A. Darwin	2.00	Research regarding certain issues raised by revised Trust Agreement. Review Trust and outline comments for V. Wong.
02/14/23	A. Darwin	1.00	Review certain points raised in comments to Trust. Review inquiry from Wachtel and research same. Correspondence with Ms. Wong.
02/15/23	A. Darwin	0.90	Exchange of correspondence with tax counsel, Mr. Malik. Outline issues for Mr. Malik.
02/17/23	A. Darwin	1.60	Review Delaware Trust aspects of Trust Agreement, requirements of Delaware Trustee. Review summary of tax aspects from Mr. Malik. Review certain aspects of Trust Agreement.
02/17/23	S. Malik	2.40	Review trust agreement. Conference with S. Berger from Wachtell regarding same. Prepare summary e-mail to V. Wong regarding same.
02/22/23	S. Malik	0.80	Conference with A. Darwin regarding open trust issues. Attention to trust agreement.
02/22/23	A. Darwin	0.70	Follow up with Mr. Malik. Further outline and discuss trust issues with Mr. Malik.
02/23/23	A. Darwin	0.70	Review requirements of Delaware Statutory Trusts.
02/23/23	S. Malik	1.20	Attention to trust tax issues.
02/24/23	A. Darwin	0.90	Comments on trust document. Exchange of correspondence with Mr. Malik and Ms. Wong.
02/24/23	B. Kenney	4.50	Review latest draft of Trust Agreement and issue list from Wachtell. Conference calls and e-mails with S. Malik and A. Darwin to discuss final changes to Agreement. E-mails with S. Berger to schedule conference call for tax issues.

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02/24/23	V. Wong	1.80	Correspond with internal team. Review revised draft agreement
02/28/23	A. Darwin	0.30	Preliminary review of revised trust and correspondence to Mr. Malik and Ms. Wong regarding same.
02/28/23	B. Kenney	4.50	Prepare for conference call with S. Berger. Review latest draft provided by WLRK from 02/20 and compare it against previous WLRK draft along with most recent NP draft. Research into general New York state trust requirements with respect to grantor trusts.

Phase Fees: 29,818.80

: Category 15

02/14/23	V. Wong	0.50	Correspond with S. Marshall and A. Darwin. Review revised draft of custodial trust agreement.
Task Total: Category 15		0.50	Task Fees: 544.50

29: Category 29

02/15/23	V. Wong	0.30	Call with A. Darwin and S. Malik.
Task Total: Category 29		0.30	Task Fees: 326.70

77: Category 77

02/13/23	V. Wong	1.00	Review Wachtel comments to draft. Call with A. Darwin.
Task Total: Category 77		1.00	Task Fees: 1,089.00

TOTAL HOURS: 33.20

TOTAL FEES: **\$31,779.00**

March 2023 (Projects #

5 and #6)

MATTER NO.: 000002

PREPA TAX ADVICE – Project #5

For Professional Fees:

Date	Timekeeper	Hours	Description of Services
03/20/23	M. Rapaport	0.80	Telephone call and emails with D. Brownstein regarding default provisions of PREPA bonds.
03/20/23	B. Serchuk	0.30	Email with M. Rapaport regarding use of DSRF funds
03/20/23	B. Serchuk	0.50	Emails with M. Rapaport regarding PREPA debt structure.
03/21/23	M. Rapaport	1.00	Telephone call and emails with D. Brownstein regarding tax issues.
03/22/23	B. Serchuk	0.40	Email with M. Rapaport regarding PREPA structuring issues.
03/22/23	M. Rapaport	1.10	Telephone calls and emails to D. Brownstein regarding tax issues (.8). Emails to B. Serchuk regarding tax issues (.3).
03/29/23	M. Rapaport	0.40	Telephone call with D. Brownstein.
Task Total: None		4.50	Task Fees: 4,900.50

TOTAL HOURS: 4.50

TOTAL FEES: \$4,900.50

MATTER NO.:

000002

PREPA TAX ADVICE – Project #6

For Professional Fees:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Description of Services</u>
03/01/23	A. Darwin	0.20	Telephone conference with Ms. Wong.
03/01/23	V. Wong	1.30	Call with M. DiConza. Review revised agreement. Review proposed amendment to Citi facility.
03/01/23	S. Malik	1.80	Work on trust agreement. Conference with Wachtell. E-mail to V. Wong regarding open issues.
03/02/23	V. Wong	0.30	Call with M. DiConza.
03/02/23	B. Kenney	3.90	Conference call with S. Berger and S. Malik to discuss tax aspects of latest draft Trust Agreement. Finalize review of trust Agreement and discussing with S. Malik.
03/03/23	S. Malik	1.40	Attention to open tax issues. Prepare summary of same.
03/03/23	B. Kenney	2.20	Finalize review of latest Trust Agreement draft. Summarize outstanding tax issues in e-mails with S. Malik and V. Wong.
03/06/23	A. Darwin	2.10	Review revised Trust Agreement; send comments to Ms. Wong.

TOTAL HOURS: 13.20

TOTAL FEES: \$11,757.90

April 2023

MATTER NO.: 000002 PREPA TAX ADVICE

For Professional Fees:

Date	Timekeeper	Hours	Description of Services	
04/16/23	M. Rapaport	0.30	Telephone call with D. Brownstein regarding PREPA structure.	
Task Total: None		0.30		Task Fees: 326.70

TOTAL HOURS: 0.30

TOTAL FEES: **\$326.70**

May 2023

MATTER NO.: 000002

PREPA TAX ADVICE

For Professional Fees:

Date	Timekeeper	Hours	Description of Services
01: Category 1			
05/11/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.40	Review Project Assignment #6 for the FOMB engagement and coordinate execution and delivery to FOMB
05/11/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.70	Review February 2023 and March 2024 Monthly Fee Statement and work with M. O'Sullivan to adequately classified time entries between Project Assignment #6 and Project Assignment #5 in order to comply with the interim compensation procedures
05/11/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.30	Review January Monthly Fee Statement in connection with Project Assignment #6 time entries and provide comments to M. O'Sullivan
05/11/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	1.00	Review Fee Examiner Letter Report in connection with our 1st through 5th fee applications (.70); confer with V. Wong (.10), M. Rappaport (.10) and C. Desiderio (.10) regarding the same and next steps.
05/11/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.20	Coordinate with D. Duhl adjustment to electronic fee data files for the to filed fee application up to January 2023 to address comments raised by Fee Examiner in connection with fixed fee assignments.
05/11/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.40	Coordinate with M. O'Sullivan (.20) and M. Rapaport (.20) adjustments to current invoicing practices to address comments raised by Fee Examiner
05/12/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	2.00	Review the revised January 2023, February 2023 and March 2024 Monthly Fee Statement and work with M. O'Sullivan to fix billing rates in order to finalize and send the statements to client for approval
05/25/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.70	Review executed Project Assignment #6 and coordinate next steps with M. O'Sullivan
05/31/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	1.20	Review the Fee Examiner Report on Uncontested Professional Fee Matter in conenction with the June 8, 2023 Omnibus Hearing

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05/31/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.60	Review the Monthly Fee Statement for February 2023 for Project Assignment #6 and provide comments to M. O'Sullivan
05/31/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.60	Review the Monthly Fee Statement for January 2023 for Project Assignment #5 and provide comments to M. O'Sullivan
05/31/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.30	Call with M. O'Sullivan to discuss Monthly Fee Statement for February 2023 and next steps for the January 2023 No Objection Letter, Fee Applications to filed in June with the Title III Court and March, April and May Monthly Fee Statements
05/31/23	S. Torres-Rodriguez	0.30	Correspondence with I. Labarca regarding the Fee Examiner Report and our 10% hold back payment
Task Total: Category 1		8.70	Task Fees: 5,742.00

TOTAL HOURS: 8.70

TOTAL FEES: **\$5,742.00**

Exhibit B

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA

Title III

Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

**CERTIFICATION OF MITCHELL RAPAPORT PURSUANT TO PUERTO RICO
LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2016-1(a)(4)**

Mitchell Rapaport, under penalty of perjury, certifies as follows:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP ("Nixon").
2. I make this certification in accordance with Rule 2016-1(a)(4) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the "Local Rules") regarding the contents of applications for compensation and expenses.
3. I am familiar with the work performed by Nixon for the Financial Oversight and

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747). (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

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Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”), acting for or on behalf of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”).

4. I have read the *Thirteenth Interim Application of Nixon Peabody LLP for Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered and for Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Counsel to the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as representative of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, for the Period from February 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023* (the “Application”), and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

5. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, the fees and disbursements sought in the Application are permissible under the Fee Examiner Guidelines, PROMESA, the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Interim Compensation Order, the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective November 1, 2013* (the “Guidelines”), and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

6. I hereby certify that no public servant of the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury is a party to or has any interest in the gains or benefits derived from the contract that is the basis of this invoice. The only consideration for providing services under the contract is the payment agreed upon with the authorized representatives of the Oversight Board. The amount of this invoice is reasonable. The services were rendered and the corresponding payment has not been made. To

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the best of my knowledge, Nixon does not have any debts owed to the Government of Puerto Rico or its instrumentalities.

Dated: August 4, 2023

/s/ Mitchell Rapaport
Mitchell Rapaport

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA

Title III

Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER APPROVING THE THIRTEENTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF NIXON
PEABODY LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, AS
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY, FOR
THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH MAU 31, 2023**

Upon the application (the “Application”)² of Nixon Peabody LLP (“Nixon”), as attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Oversight Board”) acting as representative of the Debtors under Section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”),³ seeking, pursuant to (a) Sections 316 and 317 of PROMESA, (b) Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, (c) Local Rule 2016-1,

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² Capitalized terms not defined in this order will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

³ PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

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(d) the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B, and (e) this Court's *Second Amended Order Setting Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* (Dkt. No. 3269), an allowance of interim compensation for professional services rendered for the period commencing February 1, 2023 through and including May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$58,872.00; and, this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application is APPROVED as set forth herein.
2. Compensation to Nixon for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period is allowed on an interim basis in the amount of \$58,872.00.
3. The Debtor is authorized to pay Nixon all fees and expenses allowed pursuant to this Order, including those that were previously held back pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, less any amounts previously paid for such fees and expenses under the terms of the Interim Compensation Order.
4. The Debtor is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

Dated: August 4, 2023
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Honorable Laura Taylor Swain
United States District Judge